

REMARKS

The Examiner allowed Claims 1-9, 17-20 and 22-24. Claims 11-16 were objected to as depending from rejected Claim 10. Claim 10 is deleted and its dependent claims are amended to incorporate the features of Claim 10.

Claim 21 was objected to as depending from a non-existent claim, and it is amended to depend from Claim 20.

Claim 1 was amended to clarify the meaning of "strap," as suggested by the Examiner. Claim 2 is amended to add "the" before a term. Both amendments make explicit that which was implicit, and thus do not narrow the claim.

All remaining claims are believed to be in a condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested.

If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account Number 19-4330.

Respectfully submitted,

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